

OPINION 1217

LIPARIS KOEFOEDI PARR, 1932 (PISCES): CONSERVED

RULING.— (1) Under the plenary powers, the specific name *parrii* Ross, 1826, as published in the binomen *Ophidium parrii*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *koefoedi* Parr, 1932, as published in the binomen *Liparis koefoedi*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2808.

(3) The specific name *parrii* Ross, 1826, as published in the binomen *Ophidium parrii*, and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1099.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)1578

An application for the conservation of *Liparis koefoedi* Parr, 1932, was first received from Dr D.E. McAllister (*Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa, Canada*) on 27 September 1962. In the confusion then surrounding the status of "*nomina oblita*" (of which one was alleged to be involved), the case was left on one side and unfortunately overlooked. Dr McAllister reminded the Secretariat of his application in December 1966 and was asked to modify it in certain respects. He again revived the case in March 1976. A draft by Dr McAllister and Dr A.P. Andriashev (*Leningrad*) was then agreed and sent to the printer on 25 October 1976. It was published on 1 July 1977 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 34, pp. 58–60. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to 11 general periodicals and one specialist periodical. The application was supported by Dr A.E. Gosztonyi (*Buenos Aires, Argentina*). No adverse comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 29 June 1981 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1981)14 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 34, p. 60. At the close of the voting period on 29 September 1981 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — eighteen (18) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Alvarado, Halvorsen, Mroczkowski, Vokes, Ride, Tortonese, Bayer, Kraus, Willink, Habe, Brinck, Binder, Corliss, Nye, Heppell, Welch

Negative Votes — Hahn, Cogger.

Trjapitzin was on leave of absence. A late affirmative vote was received from Lehtinen. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Dupuis and Starobogatov.

The following comments were sent in by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

Hahn: 'The synonymy of *O. parrii* and *L. koefoedi* is not fully proved (difference in length of upper and lower jaws). Hence I should prefer the "relative precedence" procedure to be used to provide that *parrii* cannot compete with *koefoedi* but may be used for a different species.'

Cogger: 'In the absence of types, the proposed conspecificity of *Lyocara parrii* (Ross) with *Liparis koefoedi* Parr is based only on a subjective level of probability, so that the former name would more properly be regarded as a *nomen dubium* than as a senior synonym of the latter. Further, the applicants do not address the nomenclatural consequences of their proposed action for the generic name *Lyocara* Gill, 1884. Consequently I believe that a more appropriate solution would be one that gave *koefoedi* precedence over *parrii* only when the two names are thought to be synonymous.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

koefoedi, *Liparis*, Parr, 1932, *Bergens Mus., Årbok*, No. 6, p. 39, fig. 6

parrii, *Ophidium*, Ross, 1826, in Parry, J. *Third voyage discovery north-west passage*, p. 109 (London).

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(81)14 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1217.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

15 December 1981